

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 92-37A
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians by the authority of the Constitution and By-laws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, and general welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribal Reservation residents; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released a notice of fund availability for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is desirous of developing a project which will, in response to the stated will of the people, meet our documented need for a facility; and,

WHEREAS, it is a stipulation of the funding agency (HUD), in order to ensure that projects funded by their agency truly meet the needs and desires of a community, that applicants must encourage community members to become an integral part of the application process through surveys and public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is committed to ensuring, in all cases, maximum involvement of the members of the Tribal Community so that ownership of projects and services is vested with the people; and,

WHEREAS, the Tu ha'but's Project was discussed by the Tribal membership at the January 1991 and again in January 1992, and the Squaxin Island Tribal Council directed the Education and Program Development Staff to proceed with the planning process, inclusive of surveys and public meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Indian Community participated in the development of this application by responding to a Community Survey, attending one of the two public meetings which were held, submitting ideas and comments in the suggestion box located near the Lobby display of the proposed project and facility, and the development of a project Oversight Committee which is composed of a cross section of the Squaxin Island Community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has and will continue to consult regularly with appropriate staff who are involved in the development and implementation of the Tu ha'butts Project and with the members of the Oversight Committee, to ensure that the project represents not only the will of the people, but incorporates sound business principles.

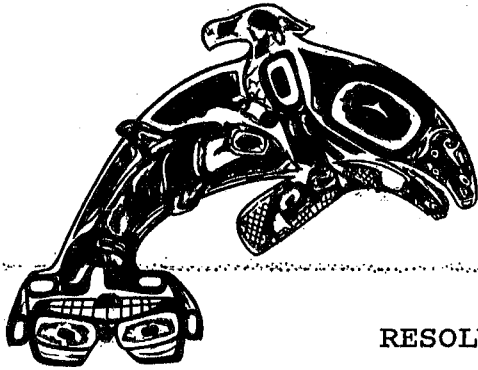
CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does here certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held this 23rd day of July, 1992, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Lorna Lee Louie for
David E. Lopeman, Tribal Chairman

ATTESTED BY: Michael Peters
Michael Peters, Secretary

David W. Whitener
David W. Whitener Vice-Chairman



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WHEREAS, the Haskell Indian Junior College and Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute are the only two educational institutions in the United States for American Indian students which do not charge a tuition fee for Indian students; and,

WHEREAS, the history of tribal/governmental relationships make it clear that education was and still is an absolute priority for tribal leaders and Indian people; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council firmly believes that education is a true priority to insure the survival of future generations of American Indians and available data documents that Indian students would not be able to attend college or higher education programs at these institutions if tuition were charges; and,

WHEREAS, that a tuition charge at Haskell and SIPS would be an unnecessary hardship for over 1,000 students who are in attendance yearly; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has proposed a drastic cut of over \$1.7 million in Haskell's budget and a cut of \$4,140,000.00 in SIPI's budget despite the recommendation of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs for a combined budget of \$11,940,00.00, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribe requests the restoration of \$1,700,000.00 to Haskell Indian Junior College and \$4,140,000.00 to SIPI in order to provide American Indian students a quality education which includes a cross-cultural curriculum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANY Congressional add-on's for continuing programs, such as summer school, natural resources, teacher training, and implementation of Vision 2000 goals, become a permanent part of Haskell's budget base.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribe strongly opposes the proposal by the Office of Management and Budget that tuition be charged at Haskell Indian Junior College and Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute.

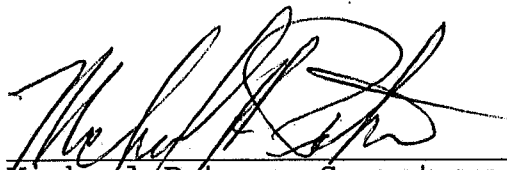
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribe resolute in its belief that tuition not be charged to American Indian Students at Haskell Indian Junior College or at Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute because the Federal Government has the trust responsibility for the education of American Indians according to Treaty agreements which have diminished in all areas except for these two schools

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does here certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held this 9th day of July, 1992, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



David E. Lopeman, Tribal Chairman

ATTESTED BY: 

Michael Peters, Secretary



David W. Whitener Vice-Chairman